

# Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol

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## Commanders Update Briefing 8 April 2015



**Col John Knowles**  
**MER/CC**

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# MER Staff Briefing



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# MER/HC

## Lt Col Greg Hill



<b><i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i></b>	<b><i>Top Goals next Period</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 2015</li><li>• Participated in Chaplain Council Debriefing</li><li>• Actual participation in Vigilant Guard Exercise</li><li>• Met with Deputy Nat Cap Chaplain in planning May 2015 MERCCRSC</li><li>• Participated in DEWG Conference to include Chaplain Corps Training Track</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 2015</li><li>• Wing Commanders and Wing Chaplains push to increase CDI participation in May 2015 MER CCRSC.</li><li>• Wing Commanders and Wing Chaplains urgently recruit CDIs as new CAPR 265-1 has been published.</li><li>• Wing Chaplains encourage HC/CDIs to update new electronic reporting format monthly.</li></ul>
<b><i>Risks / Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Assistance Needed</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low CDI registrations for 2015 CCRSC.</li><li>• Inability of Chaplaincy personnel to attend CCRSC due to lack of resources.</li><li>• Lack of urgency to recruit CDIs.</li><li>• Chaplaincy personnel not maintaining weekly or monthly updates to electronic reporting system.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wing Commanders strongly encourage Chaplaincy personnel, especially, CDIs, to attend MER CCRSC.</li><li>• Wings defray costs for their HC/CDIs to attend MER CCRSC.</li><li>• Wing Commanders strongly urge the recruitment of CDIs.</li></ul>



# MER/HO

## Maj Joseph Myers



<b><i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i></b>	<b><i>Top Goals next Period</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Started work on the MER Annual History report for 2014.</li><li>• Outlined goals for 2015</li><li>• Increased historical reporting in NCWG</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase historical reporting - Specifically more wings submitting an Annual Unit History each year. the main goal 100% reporting in the Region</li><li>• Promote Professional Development for Historians across the region.</li><li>• Promote the flow of feedback and ideas across the Region.</li></ul>
<b><i>Risks / Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Assistance Needed</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of understanding of the Historian's function</li><li>• Lack of information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage reporting of events at all levels.</li></ul>



**MER/IG**

**Maj Cheryl Fielitz-Scarborough**



<i><b>Top Accomplishments this Period</b></i>	<i><b>Top Goals next Period</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complaint resolution status is up to date</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> SUI's being completed in each wing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspection of the Congressional SQ</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Budget submitted to Finance Committee for approval for IGSC and IG Summit</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> IG page on MER website updated</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspection of two units in Germany</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Classwork preparation for IGSC and Smart Vault</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Logistics for the IGSC and IG Summit</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Well trained and highly qualified IG Corps within MER.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> 2. No units in MER go in the RED for SUI timeline</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> 3. All Wings will submit POA that includes IG budget and IG continuity books</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> 4. SUI's and Complaint Resolution will be conducted <b>and</b> closed in a timely fashion.</li></ul>
<i><b>Risks / Problems</b></i>	<i><b>Assistance Needed</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> IGSC and MER IG Summit registration coming in slowly.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Need 12 members for the IGSC or it will be cancelled.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Deadline moved to 1 May in hopes of getting 5 or 6 more to fill the course</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> It would be of great assistance if 2 members from each wing in MER would be in attendance for the <b><u>IGSC</u></b></li></ul>



# MER/PA

## Maj Brenda Reed



<i><b>Top Accomplishments this Period</b></i>	<i><b>Top Goals next Period</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed Crisis Communications Plan</li><li>'Of the Year' awards announcements, graphics, media releases, social media completed</li></ul> <b>3/15 UPDATE TO 2015 GOALS → → →</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facebook/Twitter posts daily; weekly posts to blog. Stats show increased engagement/followers for all</li><li>PAO work-group developing first module (difference between PAO and PIO?)</li><li>Continued to respond as needed</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Achieve 100% in wing Public Affairs Plans and Crisis Communications Plans - currently at 6/7 (PA) and 5/7 (CCP) submitted as required by CAPR 190-1.</li></ul> <b>TOP THREE GOALS FOR 2015:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daily online presence via social media.</li><li>Create online PAO training materials.</li><li>Mentor PAOs as requested through one-on-one counseling and/or PAO academies.</li></ol>
<i><b>Risks / Problems</b></i>	<i><b>Assistance Needed</b></i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Summer activities: need details for RCLS, other MER events to respond to questions coming in on social media and to help market events</li></ul>



# MER/SE

## Maj. Guy Butts



<b><i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i></b>	<b><i>Top Goals next Period</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ 2015 Safety Blitz Completed</li><li>❖ 2015 Annual Safety Survey 100% Complete</li><li>❖ Created a Score sheet for Wing SE and Unit SE Safety Blitz</li><li>❖ Participated in Region Teleconference with CAP HQ Safety</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 2015 Safety Blitz Data Compilation in process</li><li>➤ MER 2015 GSAR</li><li>➤ Cadet Encampment Mishap Reduction</li><li>➤ Improve reporting quality of online Mishap Reports</li><li>➤ Reduce frequency of Aircraft Mishaps</li><li>➤ Reduce frequency of Vehicle Mishaps</li><li>➤ Schedule Wing SE Teleconference</li></ul>
<b><i>Risks / Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Assistance Needed</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Cadet personal injury most frequent mishap</li><li>▪ Increase in aircraft flat tires</li><li>▪ Additional Cadet Safety Officers</li><li>▪ Slip, trip and fall mishaps are on the increase</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Utilization of online File Hazard Report</li><li>✓ Improve Cadet activity Supervision</li><li>✓ Provide a strong Risk Management Program for ES activities and Cadet Summer 2015 Encampments</li><li>✓</li></ul>



# MER/A3

## Lt Col Jay Langley



<i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i>	<i>Top Goals next Period</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MERSAR</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MERSAR</li></ul>
<i>Risks / Problems</i>	<i>Assistance Needed</i>
Anything getting in the way of a successful MERSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All hands on deck @ MERSAR</li></ul>





**MER/A6**

**Lt Col Maurice Thomas**



<b><i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i></b>	<b><i>Top Goals next Period</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2015 Region Communications Plan – revisions, posts, edits, feedback</li><li>• Great submissions for 2014 Region and National Communicator of the Year</li><li>• Continued direct support of NHQ-NTC</li><li>• On-going development of National Communications Training Program</li><li>• 2014 Outstanding support to Wreaths Across America!</li><li>• Participation in NTN by all wings increasing</li><li>• 2015 LESA and NESA Schools scheduled</li><li>• Plans for 2015 MER-SAR College on track</li><li>• E-mail and mailing lists transferred to new server; old website shut down</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wing Communications Plans due</li><li>• Forward looking assessment of needed repair and replacement cycles</li><li>• Monitor and improve participation in National Traffic Net</li><li>• Reduce delivery times and improve accuracy of in-net messages</li><li>• Offer advanced training at MER-SAR College</li><li>• Be “value-added” asset to wings</li><li>• Cancel account on old web/mail provider</li><li>• Rollout of OwnCloud file sharing to staff</li></ul>
<b><i>Risks / Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Assistance Needed</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued shortage of new technical talent among recruits</li><li>• ROS of “live” and irreplaceable assets</li><li>• Responsiveness to the “customer” for communications services</li><li>• Reminder: “Intercom” messages are for widest dissemination</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BE AWARE of the need to develop new technical talent</li><li>• Minimize the loss of irreplaceable assets</li><li>• Planning assistance to the wings</li><li>• Active feedback from DO and CC – focus on command concerns</li></ul>



# DCS/CP (A7O) Lt Col Dan Brodsky



<i><b>Top Accomplishments this Period</b></i>	<i><b>Top Goals next Period</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Convened review board and selected cadet of the year, cadet NCO of the year, and Sorenson award winners</li><li>• Held first quarterly teleconference for Wing DCPs and DDROs</li><li>• Conducted first set of CPP Summary Conversations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solicit applications for RCLS staff</li><li>• Add more content to web site</li><li>• Work with CAC to flesh out CyberPatriot training proposal</li></ul>
<i><b>Risks / Problems</b></i>	<i><b>Assistance Needed</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both RCLS directors we had lined up for 2015 have stepped down from the position</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RCLS staff/directors needed</li></ul>



# MER Command Staff Briefing



- Chief Of Staff
- Vice Commander East
- Vice Commander West
- Region Commander



# MER/CS

## Col Eugene Egry



<b><i>Top Accomplishments this Period</i></b>	<b><i>Top Goals next Period</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended DEWG Conference</li><li>• 2015 MER Goals</li><li>• Completed CPP Basic and Advanced Course</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select new A1, A5, A7, A7E, A7EI, A7EX</li><li>• Review Annual Training Plan – A7 will coordinate input from A70 and A7E</li><li>• Reports / items due list by date</li><li>• Complete MER Supplements and Forms review / re-certification</li><li>• Develop metrics for 2015 MER Staff Goals</li><li>• Visit 2016 MER Conference Location with MER Command Staff</li></ul>
<b><i>Risks / Problems</i></b>	<b><i>Assistance Needed</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overdue “top 3” goals from MER Staff</li><li>• Roll-out ownCloud to all MER Staff Members – self service</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need help finding new A1, A5, A7, A7E, A7EI, A7EX</li></ul>



# MER/CV-E

## Col Jerry Weiss



<i><b>Top Accomplishments this Period</b></i>	<i><b>Top Goals next Period</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended DEWG Conference</li><li>• Worked with A3 to publish a SAR College OPLAN</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit 2016 MER Conference Location</li><li>• Work to fill A3 Vacancies</li><li>• Work with A3 to involve A Staff in their aspects of Operations Orders</li><li>• Get metrics established and assigned</li><li>• Assist CS to fully implement A Staff</li></ul>
<i><b>Risks / Problems</b></i>	<i><b>Assistance Needed</b></i>



# Vice Commander – West Col Dennis Barron



<i><b>Top Accomplishments this Period</b></i>	<i><b>Top Goals next Period</b></i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DCWG Conference</li></ul>	
<i><b>Risks / Problems</b></i>	<i><b>Assistance Needed</b></i>



# MER/CC

## Col John Knowles

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- **Commander's Comments**